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Written

From Sir W. SAINTLIGER

Lord Preſident of *Munſter*,

To the Lord Lieutenant OF IRELAND.

Alſo, the votes of the Parliament, concerning Sir *John Hotham*.

Martis 25. April. 1642.

It is this day ordered by the Commons now aſſembled in Parliament, that this Letter be forthwith publiſhed in print.

H. Elſinge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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Right Honourable, my very good Lord,

SIthence my laſt by my Lord of *Dungarvan*, my owne indiſpoſition and imbecility hath been ſuch as in mine owne perſon I have not been able to attempt any thing, but have by my ſickneſſe been confined to my chamber: but the forward earneſtneſſe and zeale to the ſervice in my Lord of *Inchequid*, Collonel *Vavaſor*, Captaine *Tephſon* and the reſt of the officers of the ſmal Army here hath accomplished ſome exploits whereof you may pleaſe to receive the enſuing relation,

I being beſieged on the North ſide of the City by my Lord *Muskry*, M. *Carty Leath*, & all the reſt of the weſtern forces, and having notice that my Lord *Roche*, my Lord of *Ikarne Donbay*, the Baron of *Loghmay*, M. *Richard Butler*, and all the tipperary forces were drawing up to beleaguer me on the South, I diſpatched away the two Troops then newly landed under the command of my Lord *Inchequid* and Captain *Tephſon* into the Lord *Roches* Countrey, in expectance to divert him from his intended courſe hitherwards, which ſorted to ſo good purpoſe as that I ſince underſtand the tipperary forces have forſaken him, and that he remaines himſelfe upon his keeping in his owne Countrey. During the ſtay of theſe Troops there, they were deſired to the reliefe of a Caſtle called Rathgogan by one M. *Meade*, which M. *Tephſon*

having perforced with a Squadron of each Troop, and 80. Musqueters drawne out of his house and mine: in his retreat he was encountered by two or three Companies from *Milwallocke*, on whom he with a Horse, and another Officer with a Foot charged in severall places, and routed them, slaying about 150. besides 50. slaine in relieving the Castle. On the thirteenth of this instant my Lord of *Muskry* (who hath kept his Camp a long time at *Rochfort* Towne three miles from this City) caused a part of his Army to chase home our scoutes to the very suburbs where in a bravado they made a stand, whereat my Lord *Inchequid*, Colonell *Vavasor*, and the rest of the Officers being much incensed obtained my leave to issue forth immediately with 300 musqueteers, and two Troops of horse, upon the sallying out they found the enemy retreated, and pursued him to his quarters, where the maine body consisting of 36 colours as they were numbred forthwith appeared, and after severall parties sent from the maine body to skermish with our men, had been beaten backe, they began to packe up their Baggage, and forspoke their Campe, after whom our men made all the speed they might, and having chased them two or three miles, charged upon the reare, routed the whole Army, which betooke it selfe to flight over a bog unpassable for our horse, and tooke all their carriage and luggage, whereof the Lord of *Muskeries* owne Armour, Tent, and Trunks were a part, slew about 200 of their men that tooke to firme ground, and retired without losse of a man. Whereby it is very easie to observe with what facility the enemy might now be dealt withall before he can recollect himselfe anew, or receive forraine supplies which they daily and hourely expect, and being once come to their hands it will

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not then be trebble the charge and expence both of blood and treasure that will suppresse them, which now would reduce them to a very great straight.

And therefore I do most humbly beseech your Lordship that speedy supplies of men, monies, armes, munition and artilery, with all necessaries depending thereon, as Conducters, Pyoners, Mattrosses, Carriages, Tackle, Horses and Oxen for draught, and all other appurtenances may either be sent over, or commission and means to raise and maintaine them here, here being but one Canonere, and one Clerke of the store in this Province: without these your Lordship knows that it is to no boote to march into the field. where if the enemy be not too hard for us, he will certainly retire to his holds, and so secure himselfe against our forces.

The necessary use of Firelocks and Dragoones, and of a competent supply of victuall, the stocke of this Countrey being totally wasted, will deserve serious consideration: and if I had beene so fortunate as to have received any succours by those late Easterly winds it would have so discouraged the enemy now newly routed and animated the Protestant party, as that I am very confident by Gods assistance I should have given your Lordship a good account of the quiet of these parts. Whereas the observing that this faire opportunity hath conveyed us no reliefe do begin to muster up their forces afresh, and to take heart at the apprehension of our being diserted in *England* and left wholy to our selves, wherein I cannot sufficiently expresse how miserable our conditions is; for having from the beginning of these troubles supported the forces mentioned, in the incloſed list with moneyes gained upon severall hard termes and ingagements (besides what I have impressed

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to the ſuccour ſent thence ? I was at laſt conſtrained to ſeize upon 40000 pounds belonging to Sir *Robert Tynte*, and ready to be tranſported out of the Kingdome (and which he refuſed to lend upon the publique faith of this ſtate, which nevertheleſſe I gave him upon the ſeiſure) meerely to preſerve the Army from disbanding, which otherwiſe it muſt have undoubtedly done. And therefore I humbly deſire, that money may be ſent over not onely to diſcharge that and other engagements, amounting to 40000 pounds more, but that there may be order taken for the entring of thoſe men into pay, and continuing them therein ever ſince the beginning of the preſent troubles which I raiſed at firſt (by direction from the Lords Juſtices) for this ſervice, and that the ſame courſe may be taken for them as for the reſt.

The height of inſolency and arrogancy in the enemy will appeare by the incloſed Remonſtrance which they ſent me after a motion made for a ceſſation, which in the condition I was in, I had ſome inclination to condiſcend unto, in caſe it had been ſought for in befitting termes: to which purpoſe I willed them to addreſſe their humble petition to His Majeſty, and in caſe I did approve thereof, I would give way thereunto, and to a ceſſation until his pleaſure were knowne; whereupon they tranſmit me that, whereof the incloſed is a copy: at which I tooke (juſtly as I conceive) ſuch offence as cauſed me to returne them the incloſed anſwer, which I ſhould have ſeconded with ſuch further teſtimony of my averſion to their inſolencyes as would tend much to their diſcouragment were I enabled with any reaſonable ſtrength ſo to doe, which I earneſtly deſire I may be, and with inſtructions what hand to carry in the proſecution of them, and how to manage the warre

against them, for that every day they encreaſe in inſolencie and riot, hanging ſuch priſoners as are not able to pay ranſome, ranſoming others, hanging old women and ſtripping all they can lay hold on. All that is left in this Province is the City of *Corke*, the Townes of *Kingſale*, *Youghall*, and *Bandonbridge*; the Cities of *Limricke* and *Waterford* being fallen into defection, ſave that the Fort in the former is able to command the Towne if provided with Munition, wherewith I have ſent to ſupply it.

For perſons in Action, it is farre leſſe difficult to nominate thoſe that adhere to the Crowne, which are the Earle of *Barrymore*, (an induſtrious ſervitour) the Lord Viſcount *Killmallocke*, Sir *Andrew Barret*, and *Edmond FitzGerald* of *Ballinarter* commonly called the *Seneſcall* of *Imokilly*, by whoſe care and countenance (joyned with my *Lord Barrimores*) that Barrony of *Imokilly* is kept in due ſubjection, and the paſſage betwixt this City and *Youghall* thereby open. But whilſt we ſtand on theſe unable termes to ſtirre out of theſe walles, the enemy is at liberty to range and forrage over all parts of the Countrey. And indeed our wants of money are ſo great and preſſing, as that for defect of entertainment and encouragement, the Officers both of horſe and foote daily flocke unto me, and importune to be diſmiſſed and left at liberty to ſeeke their preferment in *England*: and ſo ſoone at this little which is left me to feede the ſouldiers with from hand to mouth is ſpent, I know no way to prevent their ſudden disbanding: and therefore I doe againe beſeech your Lordſhip to endeavour that I may not be expoſed to the diſhonour and miſery of being abandoned by the Kings forces, and left my ſelfe ſingle to the mercy of the enemy; but that monies may be

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speedily transmitted unto me with directions what pay to allow the horse-men, and Officers of the foote, with an overplus of money, as I have formerly desired, for extraordinary and emergent occasions, about either the Ordnance or Forts whereas yet nothing is in a right posture, but things onely shuffled together for a shift by reason we had not wherewithall to the worke as it ought.

Your Lordships most humble servant,

Corke Apr. 20. 1642.

W. Saintleger.

Die Martis 26. April. 1642.

Resolved upon the Question.

THat Sir *John Hotham* Knight, according to this relation, hath done nothing but in obedience to the Command of both Houses of Parliament.

Resolved upon the Question.

That this declaring of Sir *John Hotham* traitour, being a Member of the House of Commons, is a high breach of the priviledge of Parliament.

Resolved upon the Question.

That this declaring of Sir *John Hotham* traitor without due processe of the Law, is against the liberty of the subject, and against the law of the Land.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, that these Votes shall be printed and sent to the Sheriffs, and the Justices of the peace, to be published in all the Market towns of the Counties of Yorke and Lincoln.

Jo. Browne Cler. Parliamen.

FINIS.